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a resilient, replaceable collar having a body with upper and lower surfaces, an opening provided therethrough and sized to accommodate the outer periphery of the roadway structure, and sloped side walls extending downward from the upper surface of the body towards the lower surface of the body, wherein the upper surface of the body is in substantially planar alignment with an upper surface of the roadway structure; and

at least one resilient riser provided between the lower surface of the collar body and an upper surface of the roadway pavement, the resilient riser having a thickness so that the collar body and resilient riser together have a height substantially equal to the distance the roadway structure extends above the roadway pavement.

The amendments to the claims are shown in bracket-underline format on separate pages in Exhibit A, attached herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10 and 11 are currently pending in this application, with claim 1 being amended by this Amendment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 11 as failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim; and rejected claims 1-7, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaftner (U.S. Patent No. 5,308,188) in view of Grosh (U.S. Patent No. 3,974,599) and Wiedrich (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,905).

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to more clearly recite the features of the present invention.

With regard to the objection to claim 11, Applicant submits that claim 11 further limits claim 1 for the following reasons. Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that the upper surface of the body